Palai, Mallappally, Ithipuzha and Moolaplakkel have been completed and all others except Cherai bridge are under execution. Under the Second Five Year Plan, twenty-four major bridges would be taken up in addition to the completion of the work on bridges already taken up. Provision has been made in the next year's budget for starting work on all bridges. For the year 1956-57, the target set for special surfacing and improvement of roads is 221 miles.

WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE.

11. In the latter half of the first plan period the State Government formulated some schemes under the National Water Supply and Drainage programme of the Government of India. Of these, the Trichur Water Supply Scheme has been taken up. Recently the work on Kottayam and Quilon Water Supply Schemes was formally inaugurated by the President during his visit to the State. Due to difficulties in the procurement of essential materials and equipments much progress could not be achieved in the implementation of the Water Supply and Drainage Schemes during 1955-56. Adequate provision has been made in the next year's budget to push through the execution of the various urban water supply and drainage schemes, which would be completed during the second plan period. In addition to the urban water supply schemes, a few of the rural water supply schemes are to be undertaken by the Public Works Department. The rural water supply schemes proposed to be taken up by the Public Works Department during 1956-57 are Alwaye Water Supply Scheme, Parur Water Supply Scheme, Tripunithurai Water Supply Scheme and Water Supply Scheme for Karunagappally coastal area. To ensure the speedy and efficient execution of the Urban and Rural Water Supply Schemes, a separate Public Health organisation under a Chief Engineer is being set up.

ANTI-SEA EROSION.

12. Latterly the problem of Sea erosion has become more menacing. An experimental scheme for providing protection to the worst affected areas was taken up in January 1955. It involves the construction of a sea wall and groynes one mile long at Mannasseri near Chellanom. Pilot studies for counteracting sea erosion are being conducted at the Central Water and Power Research Station at Poona. In the light of these

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